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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the TOWN of

ROQUE BLUFFS, MAINE

for the

YEAR 1948-1949

Parlin Printing Co.,—Machias

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

SAWYER & SAWYER
Accountants and Auditors
Milbridge, Maine

November 18, 1948

Board of Selectmen
Rogue Bluffs, Maine
Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, we have audited the records of the Town of Rogue Bluffs for the period March 1, 1947 to March 1, 1948.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and Schedules included in this report impartially present the financial position of the Town and the result of its operations for the period designated.

Comments and other data incorporated in the report may prove of interest to you, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

SAWYER AND SAWYER
By A. F. Sawyer
Accountants and Auditors

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS 1948-49

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

HARLAN P. JOHNSON WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.
PURCELL L. JOHNSON

Assessors

MARGARET E. JOHNSON
WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.
HARLAN P. JOHNSON

Treasurer

PHYLLIS M. PRESTON

Town Clerk

FRANK WELCH

Tax Collector

JULIA JOHNSON

School Committee

ERNEST MORSE HARLAN P. JOHNSON
CARL SMITH

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VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

Real Estate, Resident	\$29,965.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	25,823.00	
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Total		\$55,788.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 3,491.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	825.00	
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		\$ 4,316.00
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Total Valuation		\$60,104.00
Rate of Taxation	.086	
Assessment on Property	\$5,301.90	
Assessment on Polls	96.00	
Supplementary Tax	6.00	
Polls not taxed	4	
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Total		\$5,403.90
Estimated Excise Tax		74.00
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Total		\$5,329.90

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REPORT OF COLLECTOR

Total Appropriation	\$5,397.90
Supplemental Poll Tax	6.00
Surplus Excise Tax	227.62

Total	\$5,631.32
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Credits

Cash to Treas., Town Tax	\$3,367.12
Abatements	104.32
Excise Tax to Treasurer	301.62
Unpaid Taxes	2,013.14

Total	\$5,786.20
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Unpaid Taxes

Irving Foss and Heirs	\$ 36.98
Walter Morse	48.59
Ernest Morse	34.40
John Preston	131.15
Burleigh Preston	.86
Thomas Preston	136.31
Leon Sinford	147.06
D. L. Sinford	232.20
Lewis Schoppee	16.70
Carl Smith	160.29
Amanda Wallace	44.46
Carl White	.86
Ronald Thaxter	42.57
Charles Watts	173.12
Howard Watts	89.00
Robert Watts	124.27
Ralph Watts	110.57

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Frank Welch	300.57
N. C. Johnson	43.86
Harvey Schoppee	8.60
Scott Watts	130.72

Total

\$2,013.14

ABATEMENTS

W. N. Morris and others	\$ 29.67
Sam Holway	43.00
Bertha Watts	.35
Ronald Thaxter	3.00
Woodrow Preston	3.00
Delia Houghton	.27
Carl Smith	8.09
Chas. Watts	16.94

\$ 104.32

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REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts for the Year

Bank balance, March 1, 1948	\$ 224.67
E. T. & B. Co., loan	1,300.00
Julia Johnson, undeposit. '47 poll tax	3.00
Julia Johnson, undep. '47 excise tax	5.00
Julia Johnson, 1947 town tax	38.50
Julia Johnson, supplemental poll tax	3.00
Julia Johnson, 1948 town tax	3,322.62
Julia Johnson, 1948 excise tax	271.62
Julia Johnson, 1948 excise tax de- posited Feb. 28	25.00
State, snow removal	476.75
Fire Reimbursement Money	233.69
Bank Stock tax	4.87
Equalization Fund	554.00
State School fund	1,007.99
Int. on School Fund	.79
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Total	\$7,471.50
Total Warrants paid	\$6,815.47
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Bank balance	\$ 656.03

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance

Balance per bank statement Feb. 25, 1949	\$1,993.02
Deposited Feb. 28	25.00
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Total	\$2,018.02
Outstanding Checks	\$1,361.99
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Total	\$ 656.03

*Annual Town Report***COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET****Assets March 1, 1948**

Bank balance March 1, 1948	\$ 225.43	
Cash not deposited	8.00	
1947 Taxes	38.50	
School Fund	52.65	
State, snow removal	320.25	
State, sanding	156.50	
School balance	120.19	
State, fire account	233.69	
	<hr/>	\$1,155.21

Liabilities March 1, 1948

School balance	\$ 120.19	
School fund	52.65	
State, snow removal	256.20	
E. T. & B. Co., note	400.00	
Surplus	326.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,155.21

Assets March 1, 1949

Bank balance March 1, 1949	\$ 656.03	
1948 Taxes	1,991.90	
School Fund	52.65	
School balances	305.70	
State, snow removal	289.42	
	<hr/>	\$3,295.70

Liabilities March 1, 1949

Temporary Loans, E. T. & B. Co.	\$1,300.00
School Fund	52.65
State, snow removal	300.30

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School balances	305.70	
Accounts payable:		
Harlan P. Johnson	5.00	
School bills, books and supplies	63.33	
Highway patrol	250.00	
Surplus	1,018.72	
	<hr/>	\$3,295.70

Undetermined Liabilities

Fire Bills	\$1,388.33	
Pumper	500.00	
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OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$ 350.00
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Expenditures

Harlan Johnson, selectman	\$ 25.00	
Wyman Johnson, Jr., selectman	5.00	
Purcell Johnson, selectman	5.00	
Wyman Johnson, Jr., assessor	15.00	
Margaret Johnson, assessor	25.00	
Harlan Johnson, assessor	15.00	
Harlan Johnson, moderator	3.00	
Phyllis Preston, treasurer	74.46	
Julia Johnson, collector	54.90	
Frank Welch, town clerk	10.00	
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Total		\$ 232.36
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Unexpended		\$ 55.88

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 125.00	
Bank stock tax	4.87	
Overlay on taxes	435.21	
Surplus excise tax	69.00	
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Total		\$ 634.08

Expenditures

E. T. & B. Co., charge on check ac.	\$ 6.98	
Marks Printing House	1.25	
Loring, Short and Harmon	7.80	
Ernest Morse, supplies	2.25	
Dunbar & Vose	5.00	
Machias Valley News-Observer	48.50	
Machias Valley News-Observer	7.00	
Colin J. Campbell, legal expense	10.00	
Emily G. Bradbury, surety bonds	25.00	
Julia Johnson, postage	4.00	
Sawyer & Sawyer, audit	45.00	
Harlan Johnson, posting warrants	2.00	
Mrs. Thomas Preston, elections	6.00	
William Watts, elections	6.00	
Expense to Bangor, Donald Watts	20.00	
Exp. to Bangor, Norman Johnson	7.00	
Dr. Karl V. Larson	11.00	
Dr. Oscar F. Larson	8.00	
Harlan P. Johnson	2.00	
Harlan P. Johnson	5.00	
Wyman Johnson, Jr.	5.00	
Ernest Morse	3.00	
Phyllis Preston	.60	
Julia Johnson	.50	
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Total		\$ 238.88
Unexpended		\$ 395.20

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation \$ 100.00

Expenditures

Truck, Elwin Kenton	\$ 4.13
Labor, Kenneth Smith	5.25
Labor, Norman Johnson	5.25
Truck, Norman Johnson	5.25
Labor, Bernard Johnson	4.13
Labor, Elwin Kenton	4.13

Total \$ 28.14

Unexpended \$ 71.86

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation \$ 350.00

Expenditures

Carroll Look	\$ 100.10
Freeman Preston	77.68
Freeman Preston, Jr.	46.74
Horace Preston, Jr.	31.16
Horace Preston	6.56
Adrian Preston	6.56
Freeman Preston, Truck	9.75

\$ 278.55

To Accts. Payable, due on plowing 300.30

Total \$ 578.85

Overdraft \$ 228.85

TOWN ROADS

Appropriation \$ 150.00

Expenditures

Ronald Thaxter	\$ 4.13
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Elwin Kenton	8.26
Eldred Bryant	13.35
Carroll Look	18.75
Neil Wilson	11.25
Freeman Preston	37.20
Freeman Preston, Jr.	18.00
State Highway grader	5.50
N. E. Culvert Co.	129.30

Total	\$ 245.74
Overdraft	\$ 95.74

PATROL STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 250.00
To Accts. Payable	\$ 250.00

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$ 450.00
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Expenditures

State Highway Dept.	\$ 450.00
Norman P. Johnson	5.00

Total	\$ 455.00
Overdraft	\$ 5.00

TOWN POOR

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
Unexpended	\$ 50.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Receipts—E. Trust & B. Co.	\$1,300.00
Due—E. Trust & B. Co.	\$1,300.00

FIRE LOAN FROM 1947

E. T. & B. Co.	\$ 400.00
Paid to E. T. & B. Co.	\$ 400.00

ABATEMENTS

No Appropriation Abatements	\$ 104.32
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STATE TAX

Appropriation	\$ 377.31
Treasurer of State	\$ 377.31

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$ 234.00
County Treasurer	\$ 234.00

EXCISE TAX

From Collector	\$ 227.62
Deducted from Appropriations	\$ 74.00
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	\$ 153.62

PUBLIC HEALTH AND NURSING

Appropriation	\$ 10.00
State Treasurer	\$ 10.00

FIRE ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Unexpended	\$ 300.00

SCHOOLS**Receipts**

Unexpended balance 1947-48	\$ 120.19
State School Fund	1,377.64

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Equalization Fund	554.00	
Interest on School Fund	.79	
Appropriation	2,350.00	
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		\$4,402.62

Expenditures

Teacher	\$1,515.30	
Janitors and Cleaning	208.20	
Conveyance	1,595.00	
Fuel	84.72	
Tuition	520.00	
Books	117.35	
Supplies	49.22	
Office	14.70	
Withholding Tax	21.30	
Teacher's Pension	77.00	
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		\$4,202.79
Unexpended balance		\$ 199.83

SCHOOL REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Expenditures	\$ 197.12	
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Overdraft	\$ 97.12	
1947 Overdraft	38.76	
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		\$ 135.88

Annual Report

of the

Public Schools

of

Roque Bluffs

for the

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1949

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Superintending School Committee

Ernest Morse

Term expires 1949

Harlan Johnson

Term expires 1950

Carl Smith

Term expires 1951

Harlan Johnson—Attendance Officer

LeRoy W. Moan—Superintendent and Secretary

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**To the Superintending School Committee:**

I submit, herewith, my annual report of your public schools.

Under the New Health Program, the pupils in the first, fifth and eighth grades were given physical and dental examinations. It is planned to continue this policy for next year. As we all know, good health is the first cardinal principle of education. Anything that we can do to further this principle is entirely worthwhile and deserves our attention and cooperation.

Our pupils have made excellent progress under the efficient teaching of Mrs. Bowles.

Mr. Morse has conveyed the pupils in his usual satisfactory manner.

Repairs were made to meet the requirements of the State Insurance Department.

We still need a suitable playground, a well, new adjustable desks and the building painted.

The three largest items in our budget are the cost of the teacher, conveyance and tuition. Since the cost of these has increased, it means we must appropriate more money as the following budget will show.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Mrs. Mary Bowles

Salary, \$1,600.00

ENROLLMENT

Sub.	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tl.
	2	5	4	4	4	1	0	4	3	27

Tuition Students at Machias High School	6
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Tuition Students in Senior Class	0
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BUDGET 1949-1950

Estimated Expenditures

Teacher	\$1,650.00	
Janitor and Cleaning	200.00	
Conveyance	1,620.00	
Fuel	125.00	
Tuition, 8 Pupils	1,200.00	
Office	25.00	
Books	60.00	
Supplies	70.00	
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Total		\$4,950.00

Estimated Resources

State School Fund	\$1,375.00	
Equalization Fund	745.00	
Unexpended balance, 1948-49	200.00	
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Total		\$2,320.00
Necessary to appropriate for Schools		\$2,650.00
Necessary to appropriate for Repairs		\$ 50.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

Unexpended balance 1947-48	\$ 120.19	
State School Fund	1,377.64	
Equalization Fund	554.00	
Interest on Res. Land	.79	
Appropriation	2,350.00	
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Total		\$4,402.62

Expenditures

Teacher	\$1,515.30
Janitors and Cleaning	208.20

Conveyance	1,595.00
Fuel	84.72
Tuition	520.00
Books	117.35
Supplies	49.21
Office	14.70
Income Tax	21.90
Pension	77.00

Total	\$4,203.38
Unexpended balance	\$ 199.24

REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Expended	\$ 197.12
Overdraft	\$ 97.12

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Committee and Citizens for their continued cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY W. MOAN

Supt. of Schools

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE

To John B. Preston, a Constable of the Town of Roque Bluffs, in the County of Washington and State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Roque Bluffs aforesaid, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the School House in the said town of Roque Bluffs, on the twenty-eighth day of March A. D. 1949, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, there and then to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the selectmen and other officers as printed.

Article 4. To choose three selectmen.

Article 5. To choose three assessors.

Article 6. To choose one or more overseers of the poor.

Article 7. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To choose one member of the superintending school committee for three years.

- Article 9. To see if the town will vote to elect a road commissioner, and, if so, to elect the same and fix his compensation.
- Article 10. To fix the amount to be paid for the collection of taxes.
- Article 11. To choose a tax collector.
- Article 12. To choose all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.
- Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$10.00 for public health nursing in Roque Bluffs. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.
- Article 14. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for removal of snow from State and Town ways approved by the State Highway Commission for snow removal. The contract not to exceed \$70.00 per mile.
- Article 15. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the following purposes: Contingent Fund; Highways and Bridges; Poor; Fire Bills; Snow Removal and Sanding; Schools; Repairs on School Buildings; and all and any other town charges for the year ensuing.
- Article 16. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chap. 20, R.S. 1944, as amended.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the maintenance of improved Third Class Roads.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to borrow not exceeding Sixteen Hundred Dollars upon the faith and credit of the town, during the municipal year 1949 and 1950, in anticipation of and to be paid from the amount to be collected from taxes of said municipal year. And if the town votes so to borrow, to authorize and direct the treasurer to execute and deliver the negotiable interest bearing promissory note or notes of the town for the sum or sums so borrowed.

Article 19. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen on behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute and deliver quitclaim deeds for such property.

Article 21. To see what compensation the town will vote to the Fire Warden for his services,

Article 22. To see what compensation the town will vote the Moderator for his services.

Article 23. To transact any other business that may properly and legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the School House at 8:30 A. M. on the day of said meeting, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1949.

HARLAN P. JOHNSON

WYMAN A. JOHNSON, Jr.

PURCELL L. JOHNSON

Selectmen of Roque Bluffs

A true copy, attest:

Constable of Roque Bluffs

